

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

## 1. A bush cutting machine comprising:

an operation rod;

5 a cutter blade mounted to a front end of the operation rod;

a prime mover mounted to a rear part of the operation rod for driving the cutter blade;

a throttle lever for adjusting a throttle of the prime mover;

10 a brake unit for stopping rotation of the cutter blade driven by the prime mover; and

a link mechanism actuated by operation of the throttle lever to adjust the degree of opening of the throttle and to release the brake unit from a braking condition.

15 2. A bush cutting machine according to claim 1, wherein the link mechanism is provided in close proximity to the prime mover.

3. A bush cutting machine according to claim 2, wherein the link mechanism is mounted to a cover of the brake unit.

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4. A bush cutting machine according to claim 3, wherein the link mechanism includes a delay mechanism to be actuated by operation of the throttle lever such that the throttle opens with a time delay from the release of the brake unit from the braking condition.

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5. A bush cutting machine according to claim 1, wherein the link mechanism is incorporated in an operating lever unit serving as

a grip of a handle mounted to the operation rod.

6. A bush cutting machine according to claim 5, wherein the link mechanism includes a delay mechanism to be actuated by operation  
5 of the throttle lever such that the opens with a time delay from the release of the brake unit from the braking condition.

7. A bush cutting machine according to claim 1, further comprising a single piece of throttle cable extending between the throttle  
10 lever and the brake unit, the link mechanism being provided midway of the single throttle cable so that the opening degree adjustment of the throttle and the releasing of the brake unit from the braking condition are achieved by the single throttle cable.

8. A bush cutting machine according to claim 7, wherein the link  
15 mechanism serves as a delay mechanism to be actuated by operation of the throttle lever such that the throttle opens with a time delay from the release of the brake unit from the braking condition.